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VALVE POSITIONER SYSTEM

Cross Reference

This application is a Continuation-in-Part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/118,406 which was filed on July 17, 1998.

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Background of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to valve position systems, and more particularly, to a flexure used in a current-to-pneumatic (I/P) converter, a low cost I/P converter, and a dynamically balanced pneumatic amplifier.

One major purpose of an I/P converter is to produce a pneumatic pressure proportional to a given electrical current. This produced pressure may be referred to as a signal pressure. This signal pressure is traditionally amplified, both in pressure and volume, and fed to a pneumatic actuator used to position a valve in a valve positioner system as described in the U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/118,406, which is assigned to the same assignee and incorporated herein by reference.

In addition, in a typical 2-stage valve positioner, the second stage is used to amplify both the flow capacity and pressure range of the output since a